

2009  
**For The Love Of The Game**

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Grade 12 Poetry  
Sample to use  
with exemplar  
activity

I love to play Baseball  
It's what I am  
Baseball is my life  
And will be my ticket to college

The game has meant so much to me  
Even when I was in T-ball  
I don't know what I would do  
If baseball was not in my life

Baseball entertains me no matter who the team  
I watch them all on TV.  
Hoping one day it will be me  
To be a professional athlete

The game means the world to me  
For it gives me that competitive drive  
But, when it comes down to it  
I've always played Baseball  
For the love of the game!!

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The first stanza  
shows an  
attempt to  
establish the  
general purpose  
of "I love baseball"

and "Baseball is  
my life" -

However, poem  
has no focus

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Examples of  
limited idea  
development -  
an idea is  
mentioned and  
then in next  
stanza, another  
is mentioned

Ex: Baseball -

- means so much to me
- entertains me etc.

Use of stanzas show  
an attempt to apply  
characteristics of a form,  
but characteristics of poetry  
inherent to the genre are  
missing.

\* Annotated for Content only